



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hiroshi OKAMOTO et al.**

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For: **FUNCTIONAL COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONAL RESIN COMPOSITION, AND
FUNCTIONAL MOLDING**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 12, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2002, the response due date having extended to February 12, 2003 by a three-month Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- A1
1. (Amended) A functional composition comprising mixture of a plant-originated functional component (A), a tabular mineral (T) having a low hardness and cleavage, and a ceramics component (C) other than the tabular mineral (T).